

Day 09 – *January 20*

TOGETHER IN HIS PRESENCE

**“How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty! My soul yearns,
even faints, for the courts of the
LORD; my heart and my flesh cry
out for the living God.”
— Psalm 84:1–2 (NIV)**

Psalm 84 isn't just a private prayer—it's a pilgrim's song, sung by those traveling together to worship in God's temple. These verses capture the excitement of joining a community of believers who long to be where God is. The psalmist's yearning isn't just for a sacred space, but for shared fellowship in God's presence—to stand side by side with others who love and worship Him.

In God's house, no one stands alone. His dwelling place is meant to be a home for His people—a place where hearts unite in praise, where burdens are shared, and where joy overflows through community. There, every voice adds to the harmony of worship, reminding us that our faith was never meant to be lived in isolation.

Even today, God invites us into that same shared presence—whether on a Sunday morning, in smaller mid-week gatherings, or in any place His people come together. When we worship as one body, our individual cries blend into a beautiful chorus of praise that draws us all closer to Him and to each other.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Do I see worship as something shared — not just between me and God, but with others too? How can I help create a sense of belonging and unity in God's “dwelling place”?

PRAYER:

Lord Almighty, thank You for giving me a place among Your people. Teach me to love Your house, not only for Your presence but for the community You've placed me in. Unite our hearts in worship and make Your presence our shared home. Amen.